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1. ENTIRE PRESS IS DOMINATED BY STORY OF KAL PLANE MISSING
ON POLAR ROUTE. WITH HARD FACTS FEW, STORY VARIES LITTLE
IN SUBSTANCE FROM PAPER TO PAPER. TONG-A ILBO HEADLINES
"U.S. EMBASSY INFORMS MOFA PASSENGERS SAFE", WHILE
CAREFULLY NOTING IN TEXT THAT POLCOUNS CLARK HAS ADVISED
MOFA ONLY THAT RADAR TRACKING LEADS U.S. TO BELIEVE THE
PLANE LANDED ON SOVIET TERRITORY BUT THAT THERE IS NO
CONFIRMATION THAT IT VIOLATED SOVIET AIRSPACE OR WAS FORCED
TO LAND. WASHINGTON POST STORY IS WIDELY REPEATED, QUOTING
JODY POWELL'S JUDICIOUS STATEMENTS FOLLOWED BY VARIOUS
"U.S. OFFICIALS" SAYING PLANE WAS FORCED DOWN ON A FROZEN
ARTIC LAKE NEAR THE FINNISH BORDER AND THAT SOVIETS NOTIFIED
U.S. OFFICIALLY SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. TONE OF REPORTAGE
IS WORRIED BUT DETERMINEDLY HOPEFUL: KAL SPOKESMAN
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INSISTING "PLANE AND PASSENGERS ARE ALL SAFE", AND
RADIO BROADCASTS SAYING U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS
ARE PRESSURING SOVIETS TO ASSIST IN SEARCH AND
RELEASE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

2. PING PONG DIPLOMACY: PREVIOUS DAY'S CONSTERNATION
HAS ABATED A BIT, WITH TODAY'S STORIES EMPHASIZING

UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF U.S. PINGPONG TEAM'S PROJECTED
VISIT TO PYONGYANG, THEIR ROLE AS ONE TEAM AMONG MANY,
AND U.S. REASSURANCES THAT IT PLANS NO UNOFFICIAL APPROACH
TO N. KOREA.
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